

URBAN DISTRICT OF SHERBORNE.ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT FOR 1939.

Population - 1938, 6,419 (estimated).

1939, end of, 8,400 (estimated).

Vital Statistics.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	103	60	43
Illegitimate	4	1	3

Stillbirths - 5.

Of these births only 64 belong to the Town; M.35, F.29.  
Illegitimate females 2.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of resident population, 10\*approximately.

Deaths - Males 32, Females 37, Total 69.

Death Rate per 1,000 resident population 10.7

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child-birth - Nil.

Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea (under 2 years),  
- Nil.

There has been no case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Causes of Sickness - There is nothing to note.

General Provision of Health Services.

The New Yeatman Hospital came into use in September and with the old Hospital has provision under the Emergency Hospital Organisation for 87 beds, extended in need to 105 beds. In these figures is included a large and up-to-date maternity ward.

The Maternity, Child Welfare and Ante-Natal Centre continues to work as usual, but this has increased because of evacuated children and pregnant women.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water - The supply is ample and pure, all of it is chlorinated and filtered. In spite of the added population there is no likelihood of any shortage. Analyses are made very frequently and are generally satisfactory. A careful watch is kept on private water supplies, most of which have now been closed.

Drainage & Sewerage etc.

All the Sanitary Services are being carefully supervised and are working well. On the whole the sanitary circumstances are good.

There has been very little infectious disease, very much less than was expected last September, only one case of Diphtheria and one of Scarlet Fever occurring in the evacuated children on their arrival. There was no spread of the disease in either case.

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The Milk Supply.

Special efforts are being made to ensure that this is pure and clean. Samples are being taken more frequently than is usual and appropriate action is taken when necessary.

No exceptional measures have had to be recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

The General health of the town is very good and the evacuated children are benefiting greatly by their change from London, due to the healthier surroundings and food.

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Medical Officer of Health.